

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2004 IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1327 FOOTHILL BLVD., LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE,
CALIFORNIA**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Olhasso called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers present were Gregory Brown, Stephen Del Guercio, David Spence, Anthony Portantino and Laura Olhasso.

Staff members present were City Manager Alexander; Director of Community Development Stanley; Director of Public Works Castellanos; City Engineer Kwan; Senior Management Analyst Goytia Strauss; Management Analysts Adams, Meyer, and Wilson; Emergency Services Coordinator Pachon; Senior Accountant Bortfeld; Management Aide Christensen; and City Clerk Wahlsten.

3. Comments from the Public;

Rocco Arre, owner of the Briggs Plaza Shopping Mall at the corner of Briggs and Footill, asked when the new median on Foothill will be installed. City Manager Alexander pointed out that design of this project is included in the Council consideration item for the Link District Linear Park & Gateway Medians. Mayor Olhasso stated that even if the design is approved in this budget, there is no guarantee of the timing for construction.

4. FY 2004-05 Preliminary Budget

City Manager Alexander noted that today's discussion will include Lanterman House, requests from Community Groups, Council Consideration Items and the final budget wrap-up. He noted there were no changes to the recap from yesterday's meeting.

B-8: Chamber of Commerce Request

Terry Walker, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was present to speak to their request for \$55,000. In response to Council query, she stated this is approximately 50% of their annual revenues

B-11: Lanterman Foundation – Operating Expense

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Bob Moses, immediate past president of the Lanterman Foundation, was present to speak to their request for \$30,225 towards operating expense and \$39,775 for personnel support. He concurred with Council that fund raising efforts go towards building an endowment fund.

B-6: Roger Barkley Community Center Request

Aaron Solomon, Executive Director of the Roger Barkley Community Center, and Tom Reynolds, Board President, stated they are reducing their request to \$14,500. They are planning to partner with the Y to accomplish some of the Youth Master Plan items.

B-10: Crescenta-Cañada YMCA Request

Larry Hall, CEO of the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA, explained the pieces of the Master Plan they hope to be involved in with the RBCC and Youth Council. Their request is now \$9,000.

B-5: La Cañada Valley Beautiful Request

Rose Manning, President, and Sherill Carbonetti, immediate Past President, of La Cañada Valley Beautiful, made a presentation regarding their on-going programs to beautify the community.

B-9: LCHS Music Parents Association Request

Cathy Kumagai, Co-President of the La Cañada High School Music Parents Association, stated they are requesting \$5,000 that will be used for instrument lockers. She cited the increase in the number of students participating in the school music programs.

B-7: Tournament of Roses Association Request.

Sherill Carbonetti spoke on behalf of the Tournament of Roses Association. They get international exposure for the City through their volunteer efforts in designing and building the Rose Parade float. They are requesting \$10,000

C-1: LCHS Basketball Court Improvements

Fred Schneider, Treasurer of the La Cañada Sports Association, spoke regarding their request for \$10,000 to pay one-third of the costs of revamping half the outdoor basketball courts at La Cañada High School. They are proposing to replace the asphalt with colored cement and other improvements. Council suggested they get input from engineering staff on their proposed design, particularly the drainage issues.

C-5: Baptiste Way Street, Curb, Gutter Improvements

Natalie Smyth, resident on Baptiste Way, stated staff's recommendation does not reflect the desires of the majority of residents. They want rolled curbs, not a vertical curb, in order to keep the rural charm.

Gordon Peterson, resident on Baptiste Way, stated he represents the owners in favor of the project as proposed with vertical curbs.

Director of Public Works Castellanos verified that there is no sidewalk proposed in the project. He stated staff has met with residents several times and, although the original survey showed the majority in favor of rolled curbs, following these meetings he believes the majority are in favor of the vertical curbs.

Mayor Olhasso ~~cautioned staff to be sure they do know what the majority wants if this project is approved.~~ requested staff re-survey the street regarding the curbs before this project is designed. (amended by Council action 8-2-04)

C-2: Resurface & Slurry Seal Annual Program

Director of Public Works Castellanos stated that there are 92 miles of roadway in the City. You can slurry seal 4 miles for \$50,000. You can overlay ½ mile for \$50,000. Staff desires to have a Pavement Management Plan developed in order to do the road maintenance on a more efficient schedule than just time elapsed.

C-3: Corrugated Metal Pipe Reline and Replacement

Director of Public Works Castellanos stated this is the last year of a multi-year effort to complete relining all the pipes.

C-4: Angeles Crest Highway Center & East Median Improvements

Director of Public Works Castellanos stated staff has worked with La Cañada Valley Beautiful, the Design Commission and the Public Works Commission. They have plans in to CalTrans for review. Council concurred to just fund \$10,000 at this time and come back at mid-year for construction funding consideration. They are proceeding to work with Cal Trans for relinquishment of Angeles Crest Highway to the City. This would negate the need for a maintenance agreement.

C-6: Design Three Pedestrian & Equestrian crossings

Director of Public Works Castellanos stated the three proposed locations are on Foothill Boulevard between Lasheart Drive and La Cañada Blvd. for crossing from Memorial Park to the parking lot; on Verdugo Blvd. east of Alta Canyada; and on Descanso Drive, adjacent to the northwest corner of Descanso Gardens. The last two will accommodate equestrians in creating a loop trail system.

C-7: Drainage improvements at Foothill & Leata

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino, seconded by Councilmember Del Guercio to not approve this project. Motion carried unanimously.

C-8: Loop Trail Phase II (north of Descanso Drive)

C-9: Loop Trail Phase III (south of Descanso Drive)

Management Analyst Wilson stated staff is recommending the environmental review be done for both projects at one time. The cost is estimated to be \$50,000. The design estimate is \$30,000 for Phase II and \$40,000 for Phase III. The budget request also includes the 20% match that will be required by any grant. We could defer the match until we actually have a grant. Anticipated grant schedule is October, 2005 to apply.

C-10: Design and installation of Field Lights (Oak Grove)

City Manager Alexander stated the user groups will commit \$100,000 to this project. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino to approve \$200,000 of city funds for this project on the condition that user groups contribute 50% of the cost, up to \$100,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Spence, with the condition that the lights have a control so they don't stay on when no one is using the field. Motion carried unanimously.

C-11: Overhead beacon Foothill at Viro Road

Council concurred to not fund this at the present time because we have applied for a Safe Routes to School Funds. If we don't get the grant, they will look at it during mid-year and perhaps use AQMD funds.

C-12: Electronic Speed Awareness Display Signs

Director of Public Works Castellanos stated they are requesting 4 units and have applied for a Safe Routes to School Grant for 3 of them. The one proposed for Angeles Crest Highway does not qualify for that funding source.

Council concurred to only fund \$15,000 to buy one for the downhill side of Angeles Crest Highway as a test to see how effective they are. Another funding source might be AQMD funds. Councilmember Brown stated he believes the City of Arcadia was able to obtain AQMD funds for one or more.

C-13: Design – Link District Linear Park & Gateway Medians

Director of Community Development Stanley stated there are three areas remaining to be improved with medians. The first is the Old Town Area which has been designed; the second is Foothill/Angeles Crest and the third is the Gateway. Council discussed options with various special funds and concurred to use \$140,000 of AQMD funds to design this project.

\$485,000 of Proposition C funds can be used for the Angeles Crest Highway/Foothill project as designed by the Traffic Engineer. (Minutes amended 8-2-04)

C-14: Bulb-outs at Foothill Blvd. and Beulah Drive

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino, seconded by Councilmember Del Guercio to not fund this project. Motion carried unanimously.

C-15: Downtown Streetscape Conceptual Design

Motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino to not fund this project. Motion carried unanimously.

C-16: Old Town Median Islands

Council discussed sources of funds for this \$405,000 request. If it was tied to a pavement rehabilitation program it could be funded by STP-L funds but an additional \$170,000 would have to be identified for the pavement rehab, for a total of \$575,000. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino, seconded by Councilmember Spence to have \$384,000 come from STP-L funds, \$100,000 from the solid waste fund, and the remaining \$91,000 from General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

C-17: Loop Trail Phase I (Indiana Overcross Link)

Council concurred the funding source for this project is undetermined.

C-1: LCHS Basketball Court Improvements

Motion by Councilmember Del Guercio, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino to approve \$10,000 for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

C-2: Resurface & Slurry Seal Annual Program

Concurred to only fund \$300,000 for this project from the solid waste fund.

C-5: Baptiste Way Street, Curb, Gutter Improvements

C-6: Design Three Pedestrian and Equestrian crossings

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino, seconded by Councilmember Spence to approve \$170,000 for C-5 and \$28,000 for C-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Council concurred to increase property tax projections by \$200,000 and take \$715,500 for capital projects out of reserves.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve all the request from Community Groups, to not approve funding for earthquake and flood property insurance; and to approve \$10,000 for the Parks & Recreation Strategic/Master Plan on the condition that this will be the final product. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Award of Contract for Administration of CDBG Handy Worker Assistance and Sewer Connection Subsidies programs for FY 2003-04

Staff report by Director of Community Development Stanley. In September, 2002, the City Council awarded the contract for administering the CDBG programs to LDM Associates,

after a competitive bid process. The annual renewal was not brought to Council in a timely manner and it is necessary to request retroactive approval for 2003-04.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Portantino, seconded by Councilmember Spence to authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to Professional Services Agreement with LDM Associates, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution in Support of Full State Funding for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Fiscal Year 2004-05

Motion by Councilmember Spence, seconded by Councilmember Brown to adopt Resolution No. 04-30, entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge in Support of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy." Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mayor Olhasso adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Marjorie K. Wahlsten, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved by the City Council on August 2, 2004